

## **Montana Alzheimer's/Dementia Work Group Update**

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- Formed in Spring of 2014
- **Membership**
  - Diverse group of individuals from across the state committed to improving the care of patients with ADRD and supporting their caregivers.
  - Multiple stakeholders are at the table including health care organizations and providers, educators, advocacy groups, state agencies, providers of community based services and residential care, families and caregivers, and legislators.
- **Mandate**
  - Identify gaps in care and services related to individuals with dementia and their families/caregivers across the state.
  - Develop a comprehensive Montana State Alzheimer's Plan based on identified needs.

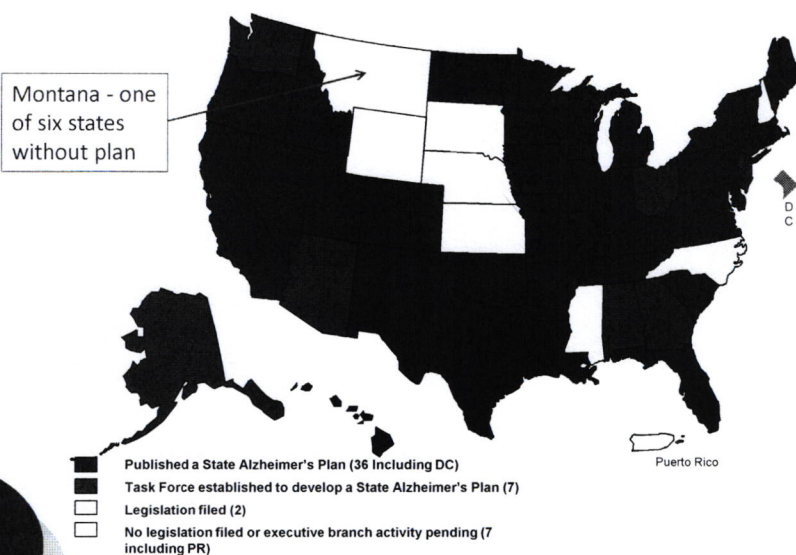
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## Why an Alzheimer's State Plan?

- A written report developed by a comprehensive group of key stakeholders.
- Create a roadmap on how to become a dementia-capable state
- Provides a set of recommendations to improve and support Alzheimer's disease and other dementia care and services.
- Exhibits what steps a state must take over a given timeframe to achieve key recommendations
- Help inform our state government and citizens on critical dementia issues across the state.

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## State Government Alzheimer's Disease Plans



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## **Work Group Actions**

- Conducted a state-wide inventory of care and services available for individuals with ADRD and their caregivers/families at a county level.
- Held 13 townhall meetings in 11 locations across the state to solicit ideas and comments concerning ADRD from our patient partners. Meetings were attended by 275 individuals.
- Currently compiling and analyzing the information obtained

## **Next Steps**

- Hold townhall meetings on Native American reservations in November and December.
- Draft of Alzheimer's State Plan for Montana by January 2016
- Complete State Plan by March 2016